

REMARKS

In the Office Action of July 7, 2009, the Examiner has divided the claims into two (2) groups: Group I, claims 1-2, drawn to an antibacterial composition against acne-causing bacteria containing macelignan represented by Chemical Formula 1 or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts; and Group II, claims 4-5, drawn to a method for inhibiting the growth of acne-causing bacteria comprising administering an effective amount of the composition of Group 1 to a subject in need thereof. Applicants traverse this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that there is not an undue burden placed upon the Examiner to search and consider all of the claims. The antibacterial composition and the methods of using such compositions are of necessity linked so that examination of the claims of Group I would necessitate search of the claims belonging to the claims of Group II.

However, in order to be responsive to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II, claims 4-5, drawn to a method for inhibiting the growth of acne-causing bacteria comprising administering an effective amount of the composition of Group 1 to a subject in need thereof, for prosecution on the merits, with traverse.

Accordingly, early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge JHK Law's Deposit Account No. **502486** for any fees required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that are not covered, in whole or in part, by a check enclosed herewith and to credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. **502486**.

Respectfully submitted,

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